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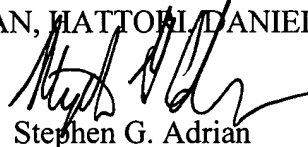
Claims 1-108 are pending. The independent claims have been amended to further clarify the invention from the cited art. In particular, Doan forms contact holes serving to electrically connect the polysilicon strip 28 with the polysilicon 22 or the active transistor region 14 (Fig. 7) which is a completely different structure from the claimed structure.

Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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